

**SEPTEMBER 2001**

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND ENERGY**

**VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD**

**HEARING RESULTS - SEPTEMBER 18, 2001**

1. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Consol, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for dismissal of certain respondents heretofore pooled, disbursements from escrow regarding tracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for a coalbed methane unit identified as U10/U10B and previously pooled under dockets VGOB-91-06/18-0133 and 93-04/20-0353.

**Disbursement approved - escrow of funds to continue for other tracts.**

2. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for dismissal of certain respondents heretofore pooled, disbursements from escrow regarding tract 2 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for a coalbed methane unit identified as P-46 and previously pooled under docket 99-05/18-0722.

**Disbursement approved - escrow account to be closed.**

3. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for dismissal of certain respondents heretofore pooled, disbursements from escrow regarding tracts 4 and 5 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for a coalbed methane unit identified as N-46 and previously pooled under docket VGOB-98-12/15-0701-01.

**Disbursement approved - escrow account to be closed.**

4. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for dismissal of certain respondents heretofore pooled, disbursements from escrow regarding tract 4 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for a coalbed methane unit identified as R-37 and previously pooled under docket VGOB-99-07/20-0764.

**Disbursement approved - escrow account to be closed.**

5. The Virginia Gas and oil Board will consider a petition from Consol, Inc. under Section 45.1-361.22 for dismissal of certain respondents heretofore pooled, disbursements from escrow regarding tracts 1 and 2 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for a coalbed methane unit identified as S-13/B and previously pooled under docket VGOB-92-03/17-0195.

**Continued to October hearing.**

6. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Middle Ridge I Coalbed

Methane Gas Field order and identified as AX-116 located in the New Garden District, Honaker Quadrangle, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0920.

**Pooling approved - escrow required.**

7. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I order and identified as DD-28 located in the Hurricane District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0921.

**Pooling approved - escrow required. (Items 7, 8 and 9 were combined for presentation to and consideration by the Board.)**

8. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I order and identified as R-36 located in the Garden District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0922.

**Pooling approved - escrow required. (Items 7, 8 and 9 were combined for presentation to and consideration by the Board.)**

9. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field I order and identified as Y-26 Hurricane District, Keen Mountain Quadrangle, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0923.

**Pooling approved - escrow required. (Items 7, 8 and 9 were combined for presentation to and consideration by the Board.)**

10. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.17 for a well location exception for a conventional gas unit identified as V-505027 located in the Roberson District, Flat Gap Quadrangle, Wise County, Virginia. Equitable Production Company well V-4285 lies 1966.20 feet North 6 degrees 48 minutes West of proposed well V-505027 and proposed Equitable Production Company well V-4198 lies 2273.90 feet North 80 degrees 35 minutes East of proposed well V-505027 and Equitable Production Company well V-3832 lies 1918.80 feet South 26 degrees 29 minutes East of proposed well V-50527. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0924.

**Well spacing exception approved.**

11. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.21 for pooling of a conventional gas unit identified as V-505027 located in the Roberson District, Flat Gap Quadrangle, Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0925.

Pooling approved - escrow required. Pooling and spacing exception (item 10, above) for this unit will be combined into one Board order.

12. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Equitable Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for pooling of a coalbed methane unit under the Nora Coalbed Gas Field order and identified as VC-504660 located in the Kenady District, Nora Quadrangle, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09/18-0926.

Pooling approved - escrow required.

13. The Virginia Gas and Oil Board will consider a petition from Buchanan Production Company under Section 45.1-361.22 for combination of drilling unit allowables within the sealed gob area of the Beatrice Mine, units R-16 and R-19 as identified in the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Field within the sealed gob area of the Beatrice Mine. The units are located in the South Grundy and Garden Districts, Vansant Quadrangle of Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-01-09/18-0927.

Combination of allowables approved - no pooling or escrow necessary.

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the October 2001 hearing was 5 p.m., September 14, 2001, with the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at the **Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.**